Multi-awarded writer Nolledo dies in US; 71



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Training of 6 Indon militants in RP probed

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Opposition slams GMA on transition gov't plan



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GMA signs law protecting abused women



Lacson says unification with Poe no longer possible



Bro. Eddie's wife takes on debate dare

Villanueva, Lacson cool to Roco coalition bid

Only 2 more bodies recovered

Heavy debris in ship hampering operations

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Disqualification case vs Gil up at Comelec

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No talks—Ping

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LACSON



POE

Not enthusiastic

[illegible]

Recusal

[illegible]

No confirmation

[illegible]

Command votes

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Multi-awarded writer . . .

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Awards

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Last novel

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6 Abu Sayyaf bandits slain

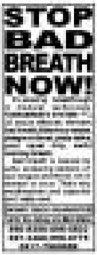
Training of 6 Indon ...

Peace talks

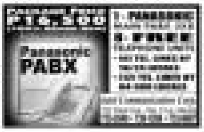
Experience







Cop charged in Leyte mayor's slay







Ilocos town councilor, village official shot dead

13-day caravan for clean polls ends

LA TRINIDAD, Benguet—







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DOJ tells top Naia exec: You can't campaign for GMA

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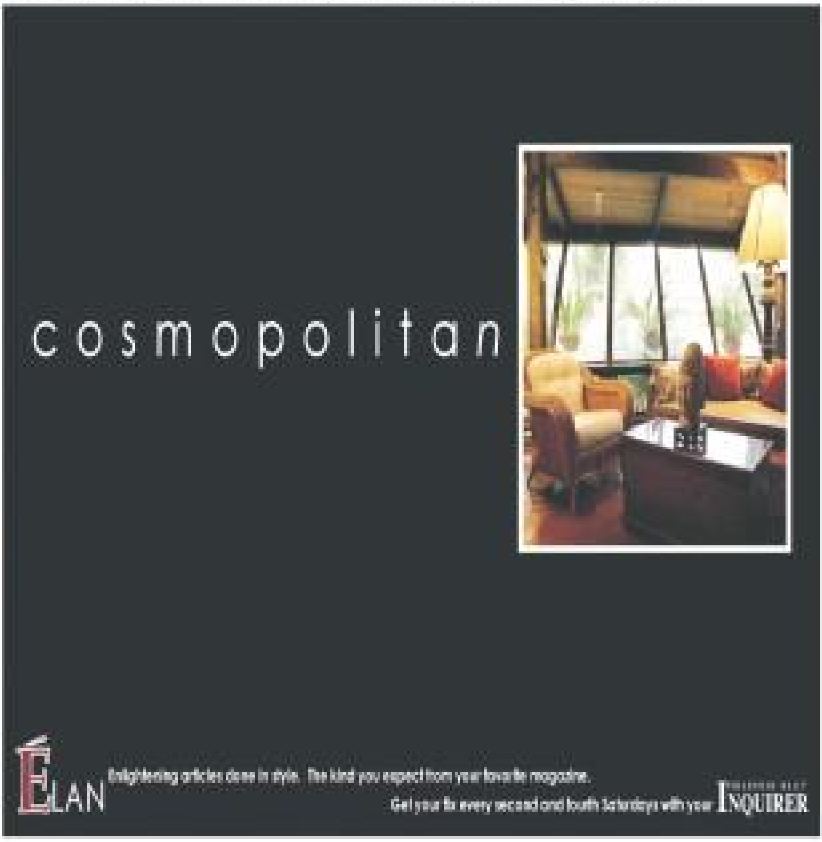


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Japan owner of bird flu-hit farm kills self

Gunmen fire at Haiti opposition rally; 6 killed

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HIV soaring among Asian women—UN

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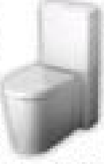
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Don't blame Church for population boom—bishop



Church people getting to know poll cheating for honest elections

Left faction says 4 Bataan farmers nabbed by Army in Tagaytay tortured

Luzon Ombudsman wants Lapid case junked

Sack of guns seized from ATO exec, wife

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3 Negros Oriental cops sacked over drugs

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Erap's jail guards axed

PNP clears GMA

Mass, birthday party

Nothing unlawful

Clammed up

House arrest

GMA signs law on abused ...

'Purple protest'

Asian conference



Opposition ...

Tanong ng Bayan

Niluluto ba ang mga survey?

ABC

Bro. Eddie's wife takes on debate dare

No meddling

Launching

Duty-free pork eyed to stop hike of meat prices

Fireman wounded in Malabon slum blaze



A PIECE of cardboard covers the body of the slain security guard who was killed in a shootout with robbers in Montalban, Rizal. Later that day, lawmen caught up and killed two of the suspects.

3 killed in armored van robbery try

MetroBriefs

3 robbery suspects slain

FX taxi robber nabbed

Too many fishermen

For want of milk

Drug suspect takes hostage 2 women, shoots 2 lawmen

I witnessed the Cubao hostage drama

ON TARGET



Ramon Tulfo

10 lawmen hit with rights raps



Mapua student in a coma after hazing rites

No cutback in Metro water, says MWSS

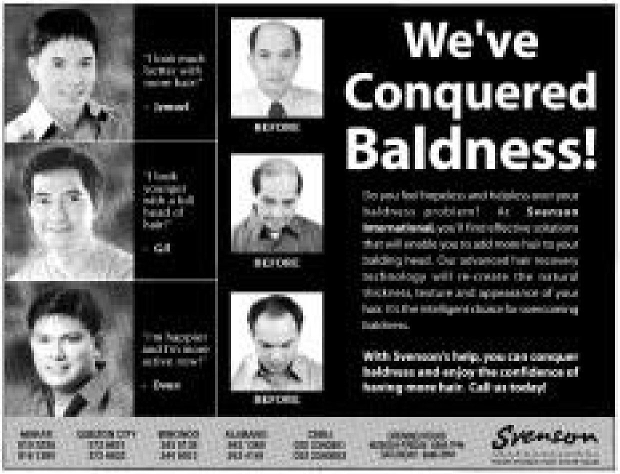
By Tina Santos





PSC needs P200M now for SEAG

THE COUNTRY needs at least P200 million immediately to build and refurbish facilities for the 2005 Manila Southeast Asian Games, Philippine Sports Commission chair Eric Buhain said yesterday.





Tough team eyes reversal of RP fortunes in Seaba

CASUALTIES RISING

Injuries put the cuffs on Coke Tigers



RING CHAMPIONSHIP BELT

Elorde Awards to honor Gomes

Roberto, Villaroman lead Southern Ladies Open field

Dayrit heads key Asiad committee

Del Monte does a Pearl Harbor

SPECTATOR

Gabi defends title, targets WBC champ

SPORTSWATCH

Dayrit to swear in new PSA officers

Ramos, Cunanan top Patakbong Pinoy

Barocom sets assembly April 2-4

Inter-commercial chess slated

Run for a healthy, loving heart

YMCA Makati holds sports lessons

Slasher Cup ng Masa lures more entries



CHAMPS: Members of Makati's Pepsi-Mini basketball team



PARTNERSHIP:

Yao shines as Rockets tame Mavs

HOUSTON — Yao Ming scored 29 points, including five in the final 45 seconds, and the Houston Rockets snapped a six-game losing streak against the Dallas Mavericks with a 101-98 victory.



HUGGATHON: Steve Francis (left) jumps into the arms of Ming, whose 3-point play lifted the Rockets past the Mavs.

DUBAI CLASSIC

O'Meara wins again at 47



O'MEARA poses with his trophy.

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Federer shows why he's No. 1

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DELL

BSP intervention prevents peso freefall

By Doris C. Dumlao

Currencies

PESO-DOLLAR RATE



Stocks drop on weak peso, rising rates

PSE COMPOSITE INDEX



Gov't sells IOUs at 7.112%

ING selling Asian stock business

Interest Rates

Gov't to lower duty on imported cement

By Ronnel W. Domingo

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NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

AUTOMATION OF 2004 BOD ELECTIONS

Please be advised that the elections of the Board of Directors in the Annual Stockholders' Meeting on 13 March 2004 will be fully automated. The automation system will be provided by Mega Data Corporation (MDC).

As part of the preparations, MDC will hold a briefing on the automation system for the stockholders on these dates:

11 March 2004 (Thursday), 2:00 pm Tektite Trading Floor

12 March 2004 (Friday), 2:00 pm Ayala Trading Floor

The presence of the stockholders will be most appreciated.

RODOLFO V. CRUZ
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BREAKTIME



Conrado R. Banal III

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INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A NEGOTIATED SALE

PNOC Exploration Corporation ("PNOC-EC"), with office address at Energy Center, Merritt Road, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig, Metro Manila, invites interested parties to participate in the negotiated sale for the purchase of 45% of PNOC-EC's 10% participating interest in Service Contract No. 38 ("SC38").

SC 38 is contract entered into by the Republic of the Philippines and Shell Philippines Exploration B.V., Shell Philippines LLC, Chevron Texaco Malampaya LLC and PNOC-EC for the purpose of offshore exploration and development of oil and gas in an area covering 834 square kilometers of deep water acreage located approximately 80 km northwest of the northern end of the island of Palawan in the South China Sea. PNOC-EC currently holds a 10% participating interest in SC 38 which includes the Malampaya Deep Water Gas-to-Power Project (the "Malampaya Project"). The Malampaya Project constitutes the largest single industrial project in the history of the Republic and is the first commercial exploitation of natural gas within the Philippines.

Interested parties may contact PNOC-EC's financial advisor, ING Bank N.V. – Investment Banking Group during regular office hours to obtain the relevant documents and information in connection with the negotiated sale process and the transaction at the following offices:

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Indications of interest to participate in the negotiated sale by parties are due by 12:00 noon on March 23, 2004. Parties who have indicated an intention to participate in the negotiated sale may be granted, at the sole option of the Privatization Committee, the opportunity to conduct due diligence in connection with the proposed sale. Agents, brokers, advisers and other persons acting independent of any direct interested party will not be entertained. Only authorized representatives of interested parties bearing authorization letters will be entertained.

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The recommendation by the Privatization Committee to accept an offer is subject to the final approval of the Privatization Council.

(Sgd) Nelson B. Bayot, Sr.
Chairman
PNOC-EC Privatization Committee

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DISCLOSURES

[illegible] Inc. denied having any information that could explain the increase in its share price that rose from P[illegible] to P[illegible] each.

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PHILIPPINE National Bank will hold its annual stockholders' meeting on May 25 at 9 a.m. Stockholders of record as of April 20 will be entitled to vote at the meeting.

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CENTRO Escolar University declared a cash dividend of P[illegible] per share in favor of stockholders of record as of April 20 and will be payable on May 14. Also, the university will negotiate for the lease of the [illegible] building for the planned extension campus in Makati City.

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FIRST Metro Investment Corp. declared a cash dividend of P[illegible] per share.

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[illegible] Laboratories Inc. bought [illegible] of its own shares at P[illegible] each.

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STARTING March 8, over [illegible] million common shares of **Makati Finance Corp.** previously locked-up will be tradable.

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[illegible] Corp.'s 1.34 million shares were bought by its wholly owned subsidiary, [illegible] Consolidated Corp. ***Compiled by [illegible] PSE Research***

Italian firm to sell stake in Del Monte

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

ITALIAN food maker Cirio Group has announced plans to sell its 40 percent stake in Del Monte Pacific Ltd.

The listed firm in Singapore owns the Del Monte pineapple-based processed food and drinks in the Philippines.

Del Monte Philippines declined to elaborate on the proposed sale, saying it was a "shareholder matter."

In its announcement in Singapore, Cirio Finanziaria S.p.A. said it planned to dispose of its 39.99 percent stake in DMPL through an auction.

News wire reports indicated that the auction may likely be completed by the second half this year.

A company source, however, said it has yet to determine whether the sale will push through.

In a conference call following the release of its third quarter results last year, the board of DMPL said operating subsidiaries of Cirio with which DMPL trades with "are not governed by Chapter 11."

This was after reports said Cirio defaulted on about 1.2 billion Euros in bonds in 2003 which prompted it to be placed under [illegible] [illegible] or similar to Chapter 11 bankruptcy procedures in the US.

Aside from being a majority shareholder in DMPL, the Cirio group through operating subsidiaries account for 13 percent of DMPL group sales.

DMPL earlier said that the company expects effects of the El Niño dry spell to continue this year.

DMPL, however, was optimistic it would improve its financial performance this year.

"El Niño is a cyclical phenomenon which occurs about every five years. It hit us as early [illegible]

Italian firm to sell stake ...

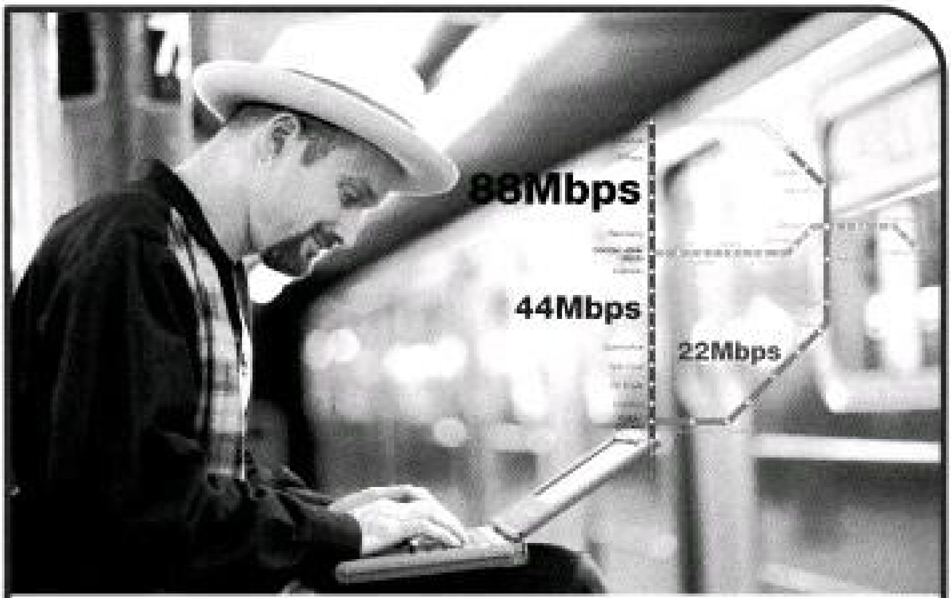
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2003, and given the 18-month gestation of one pineapple growing cycle, it should still have residual effects into 2004. Recently, improvements in fruit quality suggest the worst is over," LMH earlier said.

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REAL ESTATE

Developer uses Calamba's historic lineage as come-on



GARDEN shot of the Bagtas house model



ARCHITECT'S perspective of Ciudad de Calamba town plaza

Historic township

Central area

4 villages

> A touch of the design trends of centuries past will remind people visiting the Ciudad of the Fil-Hispanic Jose Rizal era

Rizal's descendants



GUESTS and their kids busy themselves with painting ceramic teacups.

Hillside tea party

Road network, structures

Painting ceramic teacups



A CHILD is engrossed in teacup painting.

When you like the land but not the house



BUILDING DREAMS

Bad house in good site

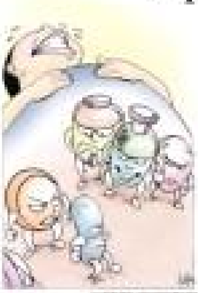
Good house on good site

60-hectare property being developed in Batangas

Cory Quirino's tips from a women's health book /C4

LIFESTYLE

Supplements and drugs don't always mix



WELL AND GOOD



When interaction occurs


CHORUS LINE: [illegible]


IT'S PARTY TIME: [illegible]


ORGANIZERS of the surprise bash: [illegible]

Family dinner turns into surprise birthday bash


CLOSE friends of the celebrator: [illegible]


CHILLING for a while: [illegible]


THE BOSS with the dudes: [illegible]


PEOPLE WATCHING: [illegible]


BADMINTON GALS: [illegible]

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH



[illegible]

Photos by [illegible]

MORE than 50 of our city's tele elite pack showed up for cocktails and finger foods, then a yummy buffet, excellently prepared by the popular Wasabi restaurant.

It was a surprise birthday bash [illegible]

[illegible]

Revival

[illegible]


BUSINESSMAN [illegible] with his wife, the woman of the hour, Sigalit Djemal


THE FORBES GANG: [illegible]



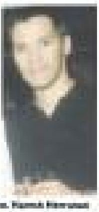

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LET'S DRINK: [illegible]


SUPER PALS: [illegible]


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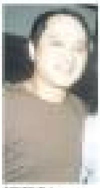



HOTSHOT [illegible]


SOME of the special ribbon snippers [illegible]


BADMINTON DIE-HARDS: [illegible]


SPECIAL guest [illegible]


[illegible]

Why some prayers are answered

INNER AWARENESS
Jaime T. Licauco



MOST people pray, not only priests and religious individuals. Ordinary people, as well as politicians, criminals, prostitutes and sorcerers, also pray.

The ones that worked

Clarity of vision, open mind

EXERCISE OF THE WEEK

Seated lateral stretch on stability ball





Tips from a women's. . .

Trust your gut feel

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